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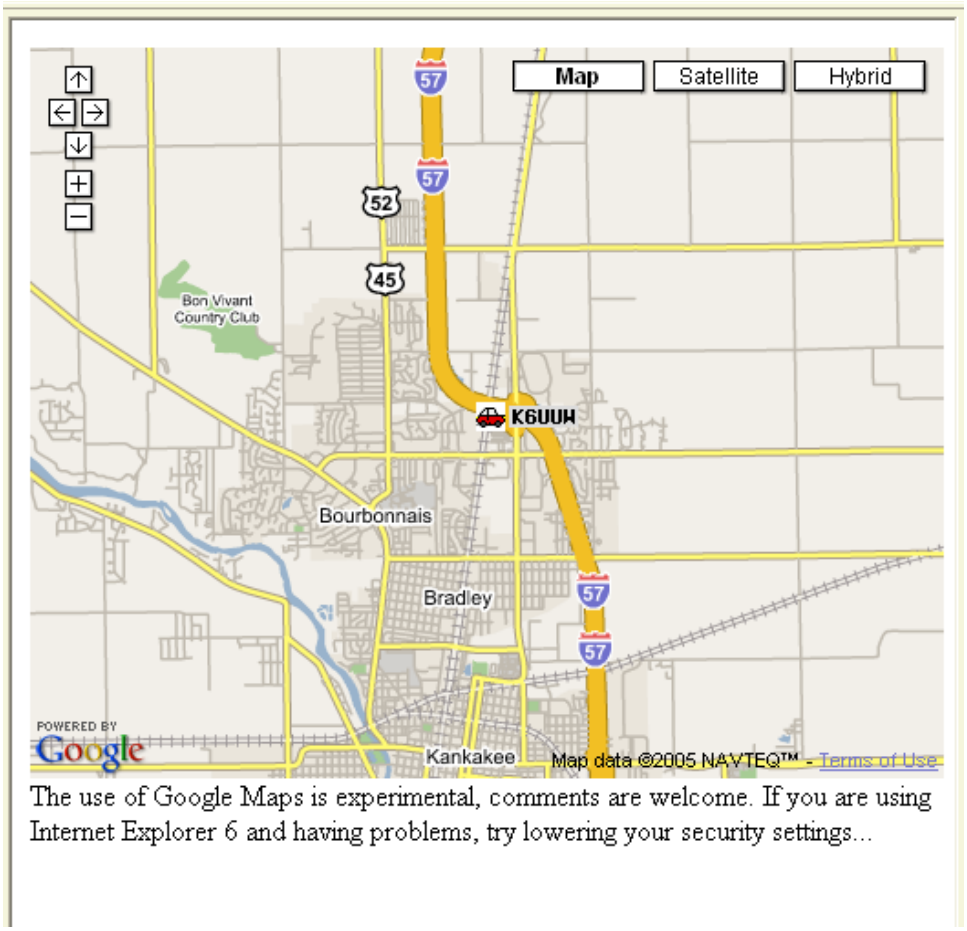

Position of K6UUW --- 1.8 miles northeast of Bradley, IL --- Report received 32 minutes 45 seconds ago Course: 113.0 Speed: 59.8 MPH

FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL

Alas, poor ol' President Jim is out wandering the country with wife Judy, seeing the sights,

relaxing, enjoying the fall colors in the east (and maybe some of that rain they've been getting).

We haven't heard from him, so just have to assume that he left his cell phone home and hasn't been near a computer for weeks. Poor ol' guy.

We'll just have to wait for the poor ol' guy to get home and tell us all about the trip. Look for the full report in the November issue of the Wireless.

VE EXAM IN NOVEMBER

The next VOMARC VE session is being held at McDougal Hall, Saturday, November 12, 2005 at 9:00 A.M.

I will be sending out an email to the VE team reminding them of this and asking for return mail to let me know if available or not.

TNX & 73
Joel, N6J

(I couldn't have said it better. Thanks Joel. Ed.)

THE SILVERADO DESPERADOES

The Silverado Amateur Radio Society are hosting a special presentation by Chuck Ternes, N6OJ, on RTTY, PSK and Computer Run Radio Programs at their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 18, at the Yountville Veterans Home, at 1915 (7:15 pm). The meeting will be in the Lee Lounge, located in the same building as the Lincoln Theater, on the Second Floor. It's the big building in front of you at the stop sign.

Chuck Ternes, N6OJ, will have a PowerPoint presentation complete with the sounds of PSK and RTTY, and will discuss how to install and operate amateur radio computer programs.

The presentation is being billed as "Everything you've always wanted to know about PSK, RTTY and more".

Chuck was first licensed in 1961 as WN6AGP. He continued his studies and now holds an Amateur Extra Class license. He was introduced to DX contesting and was hooked on both DX and contesting along with ham radio public service. Chuck has achieved Honor Roll DXCC from the ARRL.

He has operated HC8N, Galapagos Island Dxpedition in 2003.

Chuck is also an active QRP operator and has over 230 contacts using QRP power levels, which are five watts or below output power. He has worked over one hundred countries on all but 80/75 meters.

He was one of the founding members of the Redwood Empire DX Assocciation as well as a board member of the

Northern California DX Foundation.

His ham station is fully computerized and works well "as long as I leave it alone and don't screw it up!"

All VOMARC members are invited to attend the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Well, there were a bunch of people there and we all had a good time.

Nah, that doesn't look quite right.

The meeting was held at the Sonoma Police Department, in the back by the Pig Pen, on Wednesday, September 21, starting at 6 pm, on a balmy fall evening.

Hamburgers and hot dogs were sacrificed over a flaming Webber, and no one complained of going home hungry. Retiring Chief Gurney introduced new Chief Day, who thanked the VOMARC members for their contributions of time and skills to the City of Sonoma as well as the entire Valley.

Jim and Ken presented John Gurney with a certificate of appreciation for all his support during his tenure as Sonoma City Police Chief.

Then everyone went home, full and satisfied. The End.

Where's the President

(or Where the Hill is He)

Check out where the President is by going to www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?k6uuw on the internet**.** Jim is using APRS (Automatic Position Reporting System) to broadcast his position as he travels across the country. By processing data from a Global Positioning System (GPS) through a Terminal Node Controller (TNC) and transmitting the data on 144.390 simplex, the information is received by stations and transferred to the internet. The transmitted data can include latitude and longitude, elevation, speed, day and time and a message. If you listen on 144.390, you will here occasional screeching, that is someone sending information at 1200 bits/second. The club has used APRS in the past to track the location of sag wagons during an event. There is a lot of information about APRS on the internet and the ARRL has a book "APRS: Moving Hams on Radio and Internet." I am currently using a TinyTracker3 from Byonics connected to an HT. The TinyTracker can be seen on the internet at www.byonics.com.

Submitted by Dave, KD6FIL

SALE PAGES

Kantronics All Mode Communicator, a TNC that will do Morse (CW), RTTY, ASCII, AMTOR and Packet on HF and Packet on VHF/UHF. With

manual and in good working order. $50.00 N6KM, Ken, 707-938-2626

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Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC.

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month, alternating between McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge, and the Sonoma Fire Station, 630 2nd Street West, Sonoma. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: http://www.vomarc.org/

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is on 144.910 as “SNV1EC”. “SNVGW” can be used as a gateway digipeating on 223.66 MHz. The node name is “SNVND”.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Issa’s Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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NOTICE!!! THE NEXT VOMARC MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT THE SONOMA FIREHOUSE, 630 SECOND STREET WEST, AT 7:30 PM CU THERE!

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP

VOMARC 2005 Membership Dues: $15/year individual; $5/year family member.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org.
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Membership Moment, From the Database Queen

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. It tells you when your VOMARC dues are due. Dues may be mailed to Ken N6KM, or Jim K6UUW, 1496 Nut Tree Lane, Sonoma, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. If there is any mistake, please do not shoot the messenger; email Eileen KG6QNT at Eileen@vom.com. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**